

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

108 E Randolph ST., LaPaz, IN 46537

November 9, 2023 6:00 pm

Council Members

Roger Ecker, Pres.

Ryan Young, Vice

Cathy Welch

Council Members present: Roger Ecker, Ryan Young, Cathy Welch

Council Members absent – none

Town Clerk- Treasurer – present

Town Attorney – present

Call to order by Roger Ecker at 6:02PM

Patrons: Roger Christner, Jenn Gilmer, Kevin Berger – Easterday Construction, Doug Horner, Bruce Gadziola, Jerry Auer, Steve Stacy, Steve Barber, Mathew Haskins, John Lampkins, Gavin Greer.

Approval of Minutes: Ecker made a motion to approve the Council Minutes from October 12, 2023. Young second the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye, Welch-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

New Business: Unsafe building committee is asking for a representative from each town. Roger Ecker made a motion to appoint Ryan Young to be on the committee, Cathy 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion took place of town Christmas light contest. Details were sought out on where to put the collection containers, ideas on how to keep donations safe. Proposed business were Mac's Market, LaPaz Diner, and the bank as to hold the donations centers. Roger Ecker will be in charge of talking to the business. \$1.00 per vote. Donations will go towards the town Christmas Lights put up by the fire department. All residents can participate, including the Kimble Street area. A registration will be made by Jenn with other details about the contest, such as a supplied list, map of registered houses.

Old Business:

Park Update: Unable to put base in yet for the pickle ball courts as they are at another job currently. Expect base to be placed in the spring. Wires that were cut were leading to a deadline. Another cable cut today, also dead, said to be a phone cable. May have been to community building. Mathew and Emily Haskins signatures will be signing to get the plat for the new deed per Tony.

LaPaz Commons: Kevin Berger reported that cement was poured today Nov 9, 2023. 75% done on rough ends, starting insulation. Will need to get walks done and maybe landscaping started. The estimated completion date looks like January 2024. The fire department was able to view the inside of the townhomes to evaluate what the inside may look like and requested another look after completion. Traffic/visitors will be parking on Troyer Street, while residents will be parking in their own places/garages. Street base will need to be done prior to starting. Base stone down should be number 53 to be able to smooth this out vs. a number 2. Looking at base stone for now. Roger Ecker was in Wabash and picked up a check to go toward street for \$375, 442.50. All of the cost for the base stone for the development of the extension of Troyer Street will come from the town. Roger Ecker is hoping that will go towards us paying up front for our 20% match. Will most likely need multiple bids. Roger Ecker will check with INDOT.

Fire Territory update, meeting November 21, 2023, at 6:00 pm as a tentative date.

Police: gave council his run report.

MVH: Roger Christner and Mathew Haskins will be fixing manhole. Leaf pick up is going well, a leaf vacuum will need replaced for next year. Roger Christner will be continuing to look into them and pricing them.

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Sewer Dept. Steve Stacy reports everything is going good, GPS is going well. Small lift station issue but it is up and going again. UV is out, cleaned up and put away.

Patron Comments: Steve Berger thanks town for pre-approval for getting a book distribution center in town. Would like it to have protection where cameras could see the area. Request for the Northwest corner of the shelter. Ecker stated the town will have security cameras on the area. Steve supplied pictures of a book collection box for the future. Some success with speaking to libraries about drop boxes. Steve has gotten some books donated from libraries.

Attorney Update: Did not have much of an update on sewer ordinance #2023-09 based on meeting date publishing error. New sewer shut off and rates must be a full listing. PDF letter made where fill ins can be used. Apex trash service will stop pick-up on any delinquent invoices. Same letter can be used as the PDF. Toters will not be collected, but trash service will be suspended. Pre letter will be going out to announce this plan.

Financials: Ecker made a motion to approve APV's for October 13 – November 12 #4452-4497 for \$111,300.40. Young seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye, Welch-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

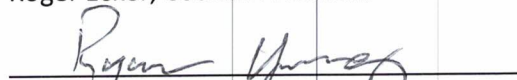
Clerk Update: Jenn is signed up for some workshops and bootcamps. Property at 123 Michigan has been sold, however, cannot release a name because the original owner does have a year to come back to property.

Adjournment: Ecker made a motion to adjourn. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye, Welch-aye. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM



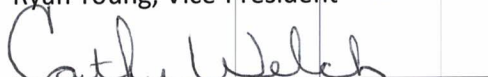
Roger Ecker, Council President

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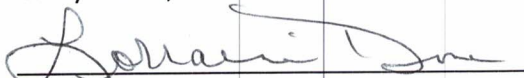
Ryan Young, Vice-President

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Cathy Welch, Council Member

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Attested: Lorraine Dove, Clerk-Treasurer

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